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For :	BATTERY CHARGER WITH AUTOMATIC CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM	Examiner: Yalkew Fantu
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2006. In the Office Action, all pending claims 1-22 were rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bertness et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,104,167 in view of Tran, U.S. Publication No. 2003/0008202.

Claim 1, which is directed to a battery charging an notification system, includes battery charging circuitry configured to couple to a battery and to provide a charging signal to the battery; communication circuitry, coupled to the charging circuitry, configured to transmit a signal upon receipt of a charge status code from the battery charging circuitry; and an external device having an alarm configured to notify a user upon receipt of the transmitted signal from the communication circuitry.